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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

E. Colgan et al.

Serial No.: 08/999,663

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For: A REFLECTIVE SPATIAL LIGHT ARRAY HAVING A REFLECTION/ABSORBING  
LAYER PROVIDING SHIELDING FOR UNDERLYING DEVICES

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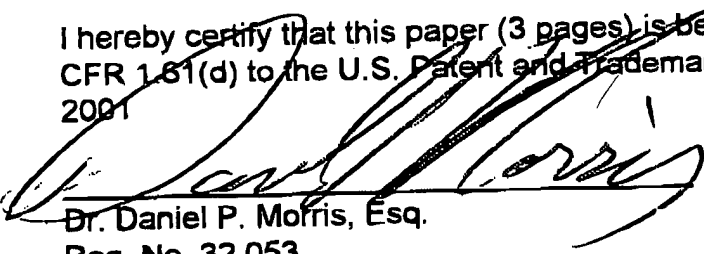
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Reg. No. 32,053**REQUEST TO SUSPEND ISSUANCE OF PATENT AND PAYMENT ISSUE FEE****PENDING A DECISION ON APPLICANT'S REQUEST TO PROVOKE AN****INTERFERENCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.607.**

Applicants request that issuance and the request to pay the issue fee be suspended  
pending a decision on this request to declare an interference with US Patents 5,652,667 and  
5,708,486 under 37 CFR 1.607.

In support of this request, as required by 37 CFR 1.607, applicants state the following:

- 1) Applicants request that an interference be declared with US Patent 5,652,667 filed Nov. 6, 1995 and issued on July 29, 1997 and with US Patent 5,708,486 filed on Sept. 16, 1996 and issued on June 13, 1998.

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The above identified application is a continuation of US application 08/803,216 filed February 21, 1997 now issued as US Patent 5,706,067 on January 6, 1998, which is a continuation of US application 431,370 file on April 28, 1995, now abandoned.

Thus the present application has a priority date of April 28, 1995, which is prior to the application filing dates of US Patent 5,708,486 and US Patent 5,652,667.

2) Proposed Counts 1, 2 and 3 are claims 1, 4 and 7 of US Patent 5,652,667 respectively and Proposed Count 4 is claim 1 of US Patent 5,708,486.

3) Claims 1, 4 and 7 of US Patent 5,652,667 correspond to Proposed Counts 1, 2 and 4 respectively. Claim 1 of US Patent 5,708,486 correspond to Proposed Count 4.

4) Applicant's allowed claim's 57<sup>61</sup> to 63 and 67 to 70, 77 and 71 correspond to Proposed Counts 1, 2 and 3. Applicants allowed claim 77 corresponds to Proposed Count 4. *77 ← should be count 4, not 1-3*

5) Since applicant's claims designated by applicants as corresponding to the counts have be allowed, there is support for these claim in the specification as indicated by applicants during prosecution.

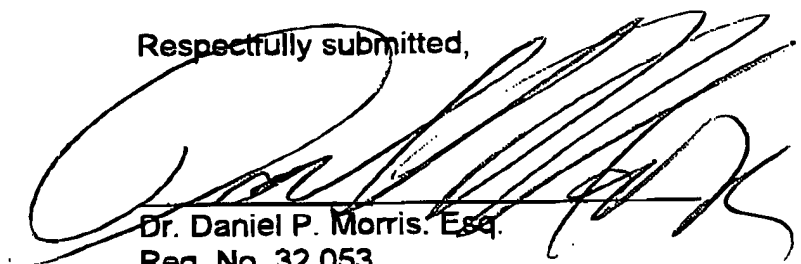
6) Applicants claims designated as corresponding to Proposed Counts 1 to 4 were present in the application before one year from the date of issue of US Patents 5,652,667 and 5,708,486. See applicants amendments submitted on July 29, 1998 and October 26, 1998.

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